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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: John R. Dales

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For: Preparation of Purines

Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed 14 June 1999, having a shortened statutory period of 3 months, please enter the following Remarks and Amendments into the record. Also enclosed herewith is a petition for a three (3) month extension of the shortened statutory period set by the Examiner and authorization to charge the required fee to the indicated deposit account.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the following claims:

Claim 5, please insert a hyphen after "(methyl)".

Claim 19. A process according to claim 15 for the preparation of [ 9-(4-acetoxy-3-acetoxymethylbut-1-yl)-2-amino-6-chloropurine] 2-Amino-6-chloro-9-(methyl-2-carbomethoxybutanoate-4-yl)purine.

**REMARKS**

Claims 5 to 7 and 10 to 20 are in the application. Claim 5 and 9 have been amended. Claim 5 to correct a typographical error and claim 19 to correct the nomenclature of the intermediate compound prepared by the process of claim 15. No new matter is believed added.